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METHODIST CONFERENCE AT STAMFORD

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF NEW YORK EAST CONFERENCE OPENS TOMORROW—BISHOP OF GOODWILL PRESENTS.

(Special from United Press.)

Stamford, March 30.—The sixty-first session of the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opens in Stamford tomorrow morning. Bishop Daniel A. Goodwill, presiding. At this session Bishop Goodwill, who was elected to the Episcopacy from this conference, will celebrate his fiftieth anniversary in the ministry. This will also be the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, and for a quarter of a century the conspicuous personality in Methodism.

The New York East Conference comprises 271 churches situated in New York and Connecticut with a total membership of 73,616. The total value of the church property is \$3,740,450. For the last three months the committee on entertainment has been working arduously for the entertainment of the 350 ministers who will attend this session and for a quarter of a century the committee has been pleasantly located in the homes of the people of Stamford.

IMPERIAL THEATRE OPENS TODAY

When the Imperial theatre, located on Stratford avenue, east end of the lower bridge, throws open its doors this afternoon at 2 p. m. the Bridgeport moving picture theatre in the country. Mr. Skidmore, proprietor of the above theatre, who for years has been interested in the amusement line around Bridgeport, has secured no time or expense and the shows that will be put on at this theatre will be the best that money can secure.

There will be a complete change of pictures three times a week and the pictures will be of the best, there will also be a fine vaudeville sketch and the latest up-to-date illustrated news.

Special attention will be given to ladies and children at all times and the shows will start promptly at 2 p. m. in the afternoon and 7 p. m. in the evening. The above theatre will seat 600 and is equipped with its own electric light plant. The admission to the entire lower floor will be 5 cents. Gallery will be reserved. Come to-day and see this fine new theatre and be convinced that it is the best.

Who is who in Bridgeport?

CLERK W. V. DEWITT TO TAKE A VACATION

Clerk William V. Dewitt of the Probate court, and Mrs. Dewitt will leave for Great Barrington, Mass., within a few days for a much needed three months' vacation. Between his duties as clerk of the court and chairman of the Building committee of the "Elks" Home, Mr. Dewitt has been overworked within the last few months. Recognizing that he needed a rest, Judge Noble suggested the vacation. Clerk Dewitt, during his absence, John Smith, the assistant clerk of the court, will perform the duties of clerk and temporary assistant will be employed in the office.

THAT CHICKEN SUPPER

That chicken supper will be served hot and delicious tonight at Lincoln hall by the ladies of the People's Presbyterian church. There will be solos by Douglas Owen and other well known vocalists. Admission is entirely free.

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DR. TOWNSEND TO TASK

Secretary of State Board of Health Used Bulletin to Defend Vaccination.

Has the Doctor Forgotten What Killed the Kriesmeyer Girl in New Haven?

Physician Asked to Study Vaccination Reports from Philippine Islands and Small Pox Cases in Japan, the Best Vaccinated Country in the World.

Major Thomas Boudren, who is the active force behind the anti-vaccination bills now pending in the General Assembly, gave an interview to the newspaper, this morning, in which he sharply raked Dr. Townsend, secretary of the State Board of Health, over the coals for his defense of vaccination made in the monthly bulletin of the board, and challenged him to defend his statements as to the efficacy of smallpox in the Philippines.

The interview with Major Boudren follows: In the recent monthly bulletin of the Connecticut Health Department, there appears the usual blizzard of appeal to the members of the Legislature on the subject of Vaccination. It was feared by the anti-vaccinationists that an effort would be made to repeal the present salutary laws relating to that subject, now on the statute books, to whose beneficent operation we are indebted for our present immunity from the horrors of smallpox, and stated that "the chief argument of the 'Anti-vax' in that respect does not prevent smallpox and that it caused other worse diseases."

That certainly is the ground we take and present proof which cannot be refuted by any effort of that element of the medical fraternity of which the honorably Secretary is such a bright and shining light.

We find nothing in the instances referred to by him that tends in the least degree to establish his case. His reference to the virtues of vaccination in the Philippines is certainly unfortunate.

To say that in a certain Philippine village an epidemic of smallpox ceased after everybody was vaccinated proves nothing, for epidemics of other kinds have stopped after the same manner. All the subjects liable to attack, both before and since the day of compulsory vaccination.

For a definite and striking example of the utter worthlessness of vaccination as a prophylactic, will the Doctor please study the report of Chief Surgeon Lippincott of the army for the years 1888, 1889, 1900, 1901, to Surgeon General Sternberg, in which he reports as follows:

"This army is the best vaccinated Army in the world, vaccination being attended to as regularly as the drills. We find during that period there were 75 cases of smallpox, 10 deaths and over 1,000 cases requiring hospital treatment as a result of vaccination."

A conscientious perusal of the above report would furnish food for thought and might help the doctor to arrive at a different conclusion as to the great value of vaccination in the Philippines. It is somewhat enlightening to study the effect of vaccination in Europe from 1836 to 1874 and not skip that period, as the M.D.'s have a habit of doing.

Here is one instructive item. The city of Berlin, after 35 years of compulsory vaccination, suffering a larger death rate from smallpox than any city during the 19th Century, except Stockholm, and having a death rate approximately the largest epidemic of the 18th Century (see Pearce's Vital Statistics, pages 94 to 98).

It is not too busy, Dr. Townsend might look at the report of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service for May 1908, containing an account of the recent epidemic in Japan.

Japan is admittedly the best vaccinated country in the world, yet during the past year she has had an epidemic of smallpox with the following results:

"Recently there were 2,000 cases of smallpox in Kobe, a fatal, notwithstanding the fact that only 1 per cent. of those who perished were not vaccinated."

The New York Evening Post, quoted in the World Wide, April 4, '08, the United States Public Health Reports, issued May 15, 1908, contain the following statistics of cases of smallpox recently reported in Japan: General, 14,368; Baken, 28; Formosa, 10; Kagoshima, 1; Kobe, 5,181; Moji, 126; Nakatsu, 14; Shimoda, 13; Shimonoseki, 18; Tokyo, 1,364; Wakamatsu, 13; and Yokohama, 446. Total 23,537.

A later report from Kobe states that the death rate was 50 per cent. of cases, being more than 2,000 deaths in that one city.

Scientifically protected?

Probably our friend the doctor would say "that is an exceptional case" and exceptions do not count.

Here is another case that needs looking over. Dr. M. J. Rosenau of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service in an Official report stated:

"Procured in the open market, 95 samples of vaccine virus of different makes; and examination disclosed the presence in every sample of organisms likely to produce diseases other than vaccination, some even containing tetanus germs."

Perhaps this little explanatory note will enable the doctor to further question the fair tale of the "purity and harmlessness" of the virus in use at the present day.

The good Dr. Townsend acknowledges that in times past the "bovine virus was sometimes harsh in its action and produced various rashes upon the skin." With modern improvements in its manufacture, and the protection afforded in this country by a strict government supervision, its purity is guaranteed and it cannot have other than a simple direct action.

"Direct action" sure enough, for the parties frequently give accounts of deaths from vaccination in many parts of the country.

"Purity," guaranteed by Government supervision, will not have very much weight when it can be so emphatically denied that there is now or ever has been a careful Government inspection of the various makes of the vile compound put upon the market for vaccinating purposes.

Has the Doctor Forgotten the case that occurred recently in his own town of New Haven? The Kriesmeyer girl who died of tetanus about eleven days after vaccination, and after a week of indescribable suffering?

An incident of that kind would not be expected to make an impression on the medical mind. To the lay mind it gives the impression of downright murder; the less excusable because condoned by the medical fraternity and shielded from punishment by cunningly devised laws for the protection of these professional gentlemen.

The infamous conduct of the medical profession in the enforcement of this monstrous humbug, has so aroused the public sentiment against that it could hardly be possible to adequately demand or furnish more logical reasons in defense of their practice than they have heretofore been able to do.

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Doubtless, Dr. Townsend had in mind what he wrote his bulletin, the saying of a noted American humorist who says:

"The boundless credulity of mankind is amazing. The absurdity the human race cannot swallow has not yet been invented."

The article by Dr. Townsend, to which Major Boudren refers, is as follows:

"The usual attempt is to be made at the present session of the Legislature to repeal the so-called compulsory vaccination laws. The opposition takes the form this year of a bill making it unlawful for any board of health or board of education to make vaccination, a condition precedent to the attendance at any public or private school in the state of Connecticut."

The chief arguments of the anti-vaccinationist have been, that vaccination does not prevent smallpox and that it causes other diseases. The report that refers to the experience of the United States Government in the Philippines and Porto Rico, after the introduction of the anti-vaccination law, quoting from the recent report of an army surgeon to the effect that the deaths from smallpox had greatly decreased.

"Some years ago when bovine virus was coming into use as a commercial product to take the place of the humanized virus, it was some times harsh in its action and produced various rashes upon the skin. With modern improvements in its manufacture, and the protection afforded in this country by a strict government supervision, its purity is guaranteed and it cannot have other than a simple direct action."

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Emmet Devoy & Co., in a dramatic fantasy entitled "In Dreamland," presented one of the most amusing and startlingly original sketches ever witnessed at the Criterion theatre.

The sketch elaborately staged and including some bewildering electrical effects, features a story having to do with Bob Hammond, his wife, the office boy and the daughter of Venus. Hammond inclined to be flirtatious and cleverly deceived by a large audience, his wife's feelings lie down on a couch, after a domestic spat and falls asleep.

The daughter of Venus, clothed in raiment befitting goddesses, the sketch is a vision and puts forth a fire-breathing wand. The electrical novelties are truly surprising in this case. Finally just as a tragedy has occurred in his dreams, and he has shot his wife to death for planning to elope with another man, Hammond awakes from his nightmare, a repentant and thoroughly "cured" man.

The comedy in the piece is well timed and cleverly supported by a large company. "In Dreamland" is a comedy of the French variety, a clever and beautiful actress, and by a good company.

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